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Dispositions of Animals - Animal Transfer Programs

Guideline Statement

The transfer of a group of animals from one geographic area to another does not effectively reduce the problem of pet overpopulation. The result of animal transfer programs may result in certain benefits toward home placement and reduce facility environmental stress. However, the long-term results do not appear to offer any genuine solutions to the homeless pet problems associated with typical municipal animal facilities and may induce the spread of certain health problems for both people and animals.

Basis for Guideline

The issue of animal transfer programs has become a popular system moving animals from overburden facilities with less resources for placement of homeless pets to larger animal care operations with better funded adoption programs and more resources. Issues surrounding transfer programs include possible spread of diseases from one locality to another, exhaustion of limited resources with smaller organizations, legalities of cross-state transportation, community perception of overpopulation problems being solved while not fully understanding the underlying cause and needed solutions.

Guideline Recommendation

To thoroughly plan for the initiation and utilization of a necessary animal transfer program that will benefit the community and the animal care facility it serves with a committed staff. The plan should not over extend the resources of the entities involved and be developed with animal health, sterilization, and education as principle elements invoked in procedures.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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